

Sub. Committees

Lady Lorne-Lister proposed & Mr. Stirling seconded the resolution of the existing sub-Committees into power & co-opl. members.  
Carried.

on behalf of the Bristol Council

Conference 1908.

A letter from Mr. Varnell was read inviting the Executive Committee to hold the Conference of 1908 in Bristol in June. It was hoped that the date could be arranged for a week end.

Branches.

Birmingham reported satisfactory progress.

Finchley had bought some 2d. Seers for the use of members.  
Harrow. A letter was read in which the local Secretary

stated that the Branch was being closed at once.

Mr. Lock said she had uttered expletive surprise as this was not permitted without the consent of the Exec. Committee & that the Secretary had written back to say that a new secretary would probably be found & the work continued.

Mrs. Handford (Brighton) Mr. Whyte (Edinburgh) Mr. Zimmerman (Sunderland)

all reported that the autumn programme was

being arranged. Mr. Whyte reported that she had come across the work of the Shipwrights' Branch, which was doing most excellent work.

New Branches.

Johannesburg. Mr. Stoyl reported that progress was being made here & that the difficulty lay in deciding

between one large Branch or two or more smaller ones.

Bexhill. Letters from Mr. Seewetling to Mr. Frazer & Mr. Schofield were read in which <sup>again</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>strongly</sup> urged the ~~best~~ formation of a Branch at Bexhill. After much discussion it was decided not to withhold the consent of the Executive but to allow the Branch to be worked under the new regulations i.e. with a local Committee & Mrs. Parist as secretary. It was suggested that Mrs. Parist might go down & see how great the desire for a Branch really was.

Office News.

Mr. Lock reported 9 new Local members & 5 new P.R. subscribers against one discontinued.

The Secretary said that Mrs. Lomax had asked permission to have the telephone number printed at the head of her newspaper if she paid a fee of £1.1.0 a year. It was decided to try this <sup>arrangement</sup> for a year.

Miss Parist's Tour.

Mr. Frazer said it had been arranged that Mrs. Parist should visit Seacroft & the North during 1st week in October & asked if members had promised



then if they would get these to arrange drawing room meetings. She was also going to Sussex & Southampton. Lady Denne said possibly she could see the Vicar in W. her way & have a meeting, with a view to interesting people.

Oct 15. 1907. Helen Webb.

The Executive Committee, 26, Victoria St. S.W. October 15<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Present.

Miss Helen Webb. (in the chair)

Mr. Anson.

" Devonshire.

" Fitz Roy

Mr. Franklin

" Howard Glover

Lady Louise Loder.

Mr. Mackinlay

" McMaster

" Clement Parsons.

" Stirling

" Zimmerman.

" Lock. Sec.

Miss Parish (Ass. Gen. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Franklin said that she was going to Bristol on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> when she hoped to talk over preliminary arrangements for the Conference. With regard to Bexhill a meeting had been arranged for Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at which Miss Parish would speak, but that she still hoped



that the meeting might not take place.

Apologies.

The Secretary announced that apologies for absence had been recd. from Lady Campbell, Mr. Rea, Mr. Whyle & Mr. Stucklau.

Finance.

The General Secretary stated that the balance in the bank was £52. 5. 6 and that the following bills were due to be paid so soon as the balance would permit.

Travelling Exp. (As. Gr. Sec.)	5. 8. 7.
Simpkins (P.R.S. Books)	25. 9. 4.
	2. 10.
Library Bureau (Cards Index) →	1. 13. 10
Brownlam (Stationery) →	2. 5. 0.
Duckworth (Stationery) →	40. 13. 6
Reagan Paul (Geog. Readers) →	12. 9. 0
Correll (Native Note Books) →	32. 13. 1
" (August. Parents Review) →	5. 16. 8
Mason (School Fees)	20. 0. 0
General Sec. Salary.	5. 16. 8
As. Gr. Sec. Salary	10. 0. 0
Clarks Salary.	5. 8. 4
	<u>£164. 7. 4</u>

Correspondence.

- (a) Mr. Broadfoot, (Paris) asking for terms for supplying the Parents Review to missionary workers in Paris, Mr. Lock said she had undertaken to supply the Review at 5/- a head if 6 subscribers were obtained

- (b) Mr. Rayner, who owing to her inability to attend Committee meetings regularly, with great regret tendered her resignation. Regret at this decision was expressed and the General Secretary was requested to ask Mr. Rayner if she would kindly consent to serve until the meeting of the Council in May.

- (c) Mr. Reuss expressing her appreciation of the Parents Union School.

- (d) Mrs. Selton Clark (Church Allerton Girls School) who wrote re the working of the Parents Union School, Mr. Lock had seen Mrs. Clark and it had resulted in Mrs. Parish going to Leeds on her Northern Tour.

- (e) Mrs. Smith (ex-student) who hoped that later a Branch could be formed at Ramsgate.

- (f) Mrs. Yates secretary of Educational Health and Food Campaign asking the P.N.U. to support the Scheme with the name of the Society - this involving no financial outlay. It was decided not to do this without further knowledge of the Society and the Secretary was instructed to write for pamphlets giving details.

- (g) Mrs. Waters County School for Girls, Bromley to the Hon. Grange Secretary asking for the support of



The P. N. S. U. in trying to obtain a due proportion of women officials on the Board of Medical Inspections of Schools, in order that girls and infants should be examined by women 'doctors' (rather than men). After a full discussion of this matter Lady Louisa Loder proposed and Mr. Devonshire recorded that a letter, written and signed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the P. N. S. U., should be sent to the Board of Education urging <sup>the importance of</sup> the appointment of a due proportion of women on the Board regulating the medical inspection of schools.

(h) Working Gentlewomen's Journal in which an article has recently appeared advertising the Craft School Circle, which is a correspondence school <sup>apparently</sup> run on exactly similar lines to the P. N. S. U. as organised by Mrs. Mason. The Craft School Circle is organised by a former lecturer of the Home Education and an ex-student but in the published article no acknowledgment of indebtedness to Mrs. Mason as the originator of the scheme was made. The Committee discussed the advisability of approaching the co-principals of the school to ask them to acknowledge publicly their indebtedness to Mrs. Mason. After discussion it

was decided not to do this but as Mr. Whitaker Thompson's suggestion, to write an article for the same journal dealing with Mrs. Mason's Scheme, showing that herself was the originator of the movement and that any other correspondence school is merely an imitation.

### Miss Parish's Report.

Mrs. Parish reports that she had left London on Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> and had visited the following places in the order named.

Derry. A Branch meeting, only 15 members were present: a sleepy meeting with little enthusiasm.

Wakefield. Another Branch meeting, 80 present, very enthusiastic meeting.

Buxton. Not so successful, the meeting being organised in a somewhat casual manner, but the ladies showed themselves very sympathetic and displayed much interest in the P. N. S. U.

Huddersfield. 25 people present - there were four new members, many of the Home Education Series were sold and there was a general desire to form a Branch.

Sheffield. Good meeting, about 20 people present - they would like to form a Branch, but considered 10/- subscription too much. It was pointed out that this was the most workable subscription. Two members joined.



Matlock. Good meeting, 20 present. Mr. Storr Fox of Bakewell spoke most sympathetically of the work. 2 new members.

Disley. 20 present, enthusiasm was shown and it is desired to start a P. U. S. Class in the town. It was considered that a Branch at Manchester would serve the district including Disley, Rochdale.

Leeds. Mrs. Parish visited the Chapel Allerton Girls School with a view to securing the mistresses and re-introducing the P. U. S. it seemed improbable that they would take up the scheme.

Foley. Not successful, only five people being present - The Vicar who took the chair spoke at such length that Mrs. Parish had only half an hour left to speak in.

Middlesbrough. 30 present, a good meeting, very enthusiastic. a desire was expressed to start a Branch.

The General Secretary said that since the meeting she had received a letter from Mrs. Dickie asking for particulars re the formation of a Branch.

Glusboro' A good meeting - 30 present. two new members. The year had resulted in ten new members and that after deducting expenses, the profits accruing from members' sale of literature and lecture fees was over £5. The Hon. Bro. Secretary announced that the following future arrangements had been made for this Parish.

Baywater, Cuckfield, Linsteadfield, Richmond, Wadsworth, Bosham, Havant, Chichester, Havant, Boxhill, Guildford, Winchester, Southampton, Belgrave, Blackheath and a course of "Talks to Nurses" at Brighton.

Old Branches. Birmingham reported 120 members.

Funchley. a good annual meeting at which 10 fathers has been present.

Harrow. was still working without charge of Secretary.

Johannesburg. Had 18 members subscribing for the Review.

New Branches. Hobart. had made a start with seven members.

Office News. The General Secretary reported 30 new members against 4 resigned and 7 new subscribers to the Parents Review against 2 resigned.

The date of the next Committee was fixed for Nov. 12

Eda Howard Glover.



The Conference Committee, Nov: 12<sup>th</sup> 1907. 11.30 a.m. 50, Porchester Ter. W.

Present. Mrs Franklin (in the chair)

- " Fitz Roy
- " Howard Glover.
- " Clement Parsons.
- " Whitaker Thompson.

Mrs Webb.

Mrs Lock (Secretary)

Before the beginning of the meeting Mr. Walter Rea & Mr. Whitaker Thompson were by general consent co-opted as members. Mrs. Franklin announced that she had also asked Lady Charles Tennant to serve but had received no answer. Lady Emily Lutjens had been asked & had refused.

The minutes of the next meeting were read and confirmed.

Conference 1908.

Mrs Franklin said that she had been to Bristol & had seen the Bristol Committee who were most enthusiastic and generous - like Mrs. Gilmore Barnett was in the chair and she found Mr. Dand, Mr. Tuckett & Mr. Fisher all extremely keen members.

The dates most suitable were June 12<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and the Academy had been offered for those dates for £15.15.0 there terms to include heating, lighting etc. & use of the room if wanted on Sunday. It was decided to ask Mr. Hamell to at once engage the rooms.

The Bristol Committee were undertaken to obtain a good general Committee, & would find hospitality -

It was decided to fix the price of tickets at Season 3/- Day 1/6 Single meetings 1/- and to make the regulation that Season ticket holders only should be admitted to the receptions & garden parties.

The advisability of having a handbook similar to that issued by the N. U. W. W. was discussed, & it was decided to obtain an estimate as to probable cost before final settlement. If this is done an effort <sup>would be made</sup> to obtain the names and addresses of those attending, ~~would be~~ as Mr. Lock proposed that the tickets sold should have a perforated card attached which could be filled up with details of addresses & forwarded to the "Tree"

#### Programme.

Mrs Franklin said that she proposed that Dr. Greville Macdonald should be asked to repeat his lecture (already given at the Hyde Park Branch) entitled



"a Childs Inheritance" which had been a beautiful and inspiring lecture and which would form the keynote for the whole Conference. It was decided to ask Dr. Macdonald to repeat this.

The following programme was drawn up; -  
Motto (Suggested by Mr. Clewer. Parsons.) "I love all that thou lovest; Spirit of Delight!" Shelley.

Friday.

3. Address of Welcome. Duchess of Beaufort.

Lord Mayor in the Chair.

Reply Lord Lytton.

8. Dr. Greville Macdonald.  
at the Grammar School.

Saturday.

10 - 1 Session.

2 - 30. Geological walk

Archaeological walk.

4 - 30 Garden Party. Ladykell's

8. Session. Mr. Tomlins

Sunday.

Morning. Bishop of Bristol. at Cathedral. Evening Vicar of St. Mary's Redcliffe  
at his own Church.

Monday.

10. Session

2-30 Session

8. Reception at Clysbi College.

Tuesday.

10 Session

2. Session

5. Mrs. Shedlock.

It was decided to ask the following speakers pointing out to them that joy in living was to be the underlying thought of the Conference.

Mr. Spence on the "enthusiasm for humanity."

Mr. Temple Spiritual joy.

Mr. Tomlins a class of children for singing.

Mrs. Macadam. P.N. 3-4 and the poorer classes.

" Abraham

" Haldane. Philosophy

Mr. Sadler - Intellectual joy.

" Clausen Joy in Art.

" Dargh to be asked to speak at the last

Session and draw together the threads of the Conference striking somewhat the same note as Dr. Macdonald at the opening lecture.

It was suggested that Prof. Lloyd Morgan & the Bishop of Hereford should be asked to take the chair.

The Bristol Committee has expressed a desire that Mrs. Parish should speak to the Branch in March & that she should hold various drawing room meetings in the <sup>surrounding districts</sup> neighbourhood with a view to interesting people in the neighbourhood and selling conference tickets

H. Jarrett

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1907



The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street. Nov: 12<sup>th</sup> 1904 at 3 p.m.

Present.

Mr Howard Glover (Chair)  
 " Anson.  
 " Franklin.  
 " Mackinlay  
 " Mc Master.  
 " Clement Parsons.  
 " Stirling  
 " Whitaker Thompson.  
 Dr Helen Webb.  
 Mr Lock (Sec)

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Franklin said that Sir Robert Mordaunt had replied to the letter re Medical Inspection that he was entirely sympathetic. The question of the Craft School Circle again arose. Since the last meeting Mr. Broadmead had written to the Working Gentlewoman's Magazine but the letter was not inserted and that there was an article in the magazine on Handicrafts by Mrs Hodgson. Mr. Franklin had written a letter to the "Morning Post".

\* Mr. Lock announced that Mr. Raynor had consented to serve on the Sec. until May.

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in answer to <sup>an article</sup> that appeared in "Curriculum in Preparation Schools" to which Mr. Weyford Webb had sent a letter suggesting that the Craft School were doing valuable work, Mr. Franklin's letter called attention to the P.U.C. & the founder of the scheme, Mrs Mason, but it had not been inserted.

It was decided that some steps should be taken to induce the Co. Principals to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mrs Mason and to this end it was agreed that Mr. Franklin should write a letter to Mrs Hodgson, on behalf of the Committee and ask the Chairman to sign it.

ApologiesFinance.

The Gen. Sec. announced apologies from Mr Haslam Mr. Rayner Mr. Rea "Whyte". It was stated that the balance in hand was £50 and that cheques would be drawn for the following amounts as soon as the balance would permit:-

Supplies 44. 11. 0. Fuel 32. 13. 0. Salaries £21. 5. 0

Correspondence.

a. Mr. Jardine asking for pamphlets for a Nurses Bazaar. It was decided to send 30 Through Training and 20 Home Training.  
 b. National Congress of Mothers asking for a P.N.E.U. Representative to be sent to their first Congress to be



held at Washington in 1908. Dr. Webb said she thought she might find someone <sup>Dr. Anne Nelson</sup> ~~born~~ <sup>born</sup> ~~Holmes~~ a friend of hers willing to act as representative.

Conference.

The Hon. Brq. Sec. announced that the Conference would be held at Bristol from June 12-16<sup>th</sup> & that the programme was being drawn up.

Ass. brq. Sec. Report.

Mr. Franklin in Mrs. Pank's absence read the following report of the meetings held by her during the month. Chichester Nov. 1. Only 10 out of an invited 60 present. The P. U. S. seemed the work of the hour. That appealed the most to those present.

Hampstead Nov. 4. Demonstration picture talk. (Mr. Stone said this was admirably well liked).

Bengeo Nov. 5. Bengeo School. went to buy and convert Mr. Spencer Hayward to the P. U. S. He liked the scheme but was hindered by examinations <sup>the present</sup> for Guildford. Nov. 8. 25 present. much enthusiasm, two new members.

Bayswale. Gd. 17. Discussion on obedience.

Chickfield. " 18. Meeting at Mrs. Gray's School. a wet day and the meeting was badly attended but one lady (young unmarried) joined with answer to

becoming a qualified member and working amongst the poor in District visiting and mothers' meetings. Another lady will probably send her daughter to the Home Education.

Lindfield Gd. 19. A good meeting. Lady Chichester in the chair. Great desire for a Branch was expressed. Mrs. Cumberley was the secretary.

<sup>Gd. 24</sup> Kew. The Branch being at a low ebb it was thought good to be reminded of the Principles & work of the P. M. S. U. A great deal of discussion ensued. The Secretary Mr. Swift would much like to introduce P. U. S. into his curriculum but finds the difficulties too great.

Wadhurst Gd. 25. At Mrs. Karch's School in the morning talked to Classes II & III on "Studies serve for delight for ornament & ability". The afternoon meeting was well attended, people seemed quite decided to join but on second thoughts changed their minds.

Cosham. Gd. 26. All very enthusiastic and wanted at once to become members keep names & note books & have students.

Havant. Gd. 28. Well attended meeting & sympathetic audience. two new members.



Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Manchester. Well attended meeting.

Mr. Franklin at the conclusion of the report read several letters written to Mrs. Paul expressing appreciation of her lecture and saying what a help she had been to them many of those present.

As a result of Mrs. Paul's visit to Shipton a letter was read from Mr. Gommans & Mr. Vessey who wished to start a Branch.

Mr. Franklin said she had arranged for Mrs. Paul to visit the following places; Palsong Blackheath, Belgrove, Bughton, Harrow.

#### New Branches.

Mr. Franklin said that when at Manchester as delegate to the N. U. W. W. she had an opportunity of talking about starting a Branch at Manchester to ~~Mr. Palsong~~ and with Mr. Clegg who was willing to undertake the Secretaryship. <sup>Mr. Palsong promised to take the chair at the first meeting.</sup> On further investigation it was found that Mr. Mackintosh who had been at the Bughton Conference would be the person who would help Mr. Clegg - but Mr. Mackintosh had not cared about the subject of Mr. Franklin's paper nor of Mrs. Paul's and therefore did not wish either to be the speaker at the opening meeting. It was decided to ask Mr. Sadler to speak. Mr. Palsong to take the chair & Mr. Locke to go down to represent

the Branch.

#### Branches.

Brentford reported that the subscription had been lowered to 3/6.

Richmond. Was trying to create fresh interest. Proposed holding an exhibition (3 days) in November. It had been arranged that Mrs. Paul should go down to explain the exhibits.

Norwich. Reported an increase in interest.

Liverpool sent an interesting programme & notified change of Secretary.

N. Finchley was flourishing Mr. McElroy reported and the Talks to poor mothers by Nurse Hodgson had proved a great success.

Hobart. has started with 9 members.

Brighton. Mr. Pauson, Branch Secretary had spoken to quite a good meeting.

Northwood. Mrs. Webb had spoken to a meeting of about 30 but the Branch was in a moribund condition, she had tried to find a new secretary but so far had been unsuccessful.



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Mr. Franklin read letter from

- (a) Mr. Edwards to Mrs. Mason asking if there was any French Edition of "Stone Education" if not she suggested that Mr. & Mrs. Bergner of Lausanne should be asked to make one.
- (b) Mr. Lutostawski of Poland asking permission to publish a Polish trans. of "Stone Education" and asking Mrs. Mason for a special preface intro. It was proposed that Mr. Franklin should suggest a Branch be formed and applied to the Union.
- (c) Mrs. Besenfelder (Berlin) who had come across a stray copy of the Parents Review & who wished to know if the periodical was still published. She also wished for particulars of the P. U. S. Mrs. Mason had replied to the questions but it was thought that Mr. Franklin might be able to arrange for a Branch in Berlin.

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The General Secretary reported 33 new Central members & 4 subscribers to the Parents Review against one released.

The date of the next Committee was fixed for Dec: 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

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The Secretary said that she had recently gone carefully into the question of advertisements and she found that the Commission paid to Sheet together with the cost of printing the advertisements of course. There was an excess of the amount of money received through them and the question therefore arose as to what steps should be taken in the matter. It was decided that Mr. Lock should interview Street and see what could be done.

W. Franklin

Dec 18. 1907



The Conference Committee. 26 Victoria Street. S.W. December 18<sup>th</sup> 1907. 3 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Frankless.

Lady Campbell.

Mrs. Gerald Campbell.

Mrs. Fitz Roy.

" Howard Glover.

" Clement Parsons.

Mrs. Whitaker Thompson.

Mrs. Helen Webb.

Mrs. White.

Mrs. Lock (General Sec.)

Mrs. Parish. (Asst. Org. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies.

It was announced that apologies had been received from Mr. Daniel Lord Lytton & Mr. Haslam.

Correspondence.

Mrs. Frankless read a most sympathetic letter from Lady Tennent, in which she said she regretted she must refuse to serve on the Committee.

Refusals.

Refusals had been received from Mrs. Haldane, Mr. Temple, Mr. Clausen, Sir Chas. Holroyd, Mrs. Macadam.

Programme.

Prof. Sadler asked that he might decide later & choose a subject after the Conference programme had further shaped itself.

Resolutions - Announcement

Mrs. Abraham had accepted but as her title did not seem exactly suitable it was decided that this must be further discussed at a later date.

It was announced that Dr. Gullie Macdonald was to speak on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8.0 or 8.30. Archaeological & Geological walks were being arranged for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30. ~~Prof.~~ Tomlin's Demonstration June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8.

June 14<sup>th</sup> In the evening the Rev. J. Primatt made M.A. Victor of St. Mary's Redcliff would preach in his own Church. June 15<sup>th</sup> Dr. J. O. Symes. at 10.30 at 3.45 Mr. C. H. Spence on "The Teaching of Jesus". Evening Reception at Clifton College. On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.45 Mr. Davis promised to give the closing address & at 5 o'clock Mrs. Shedlock would lecture.

It was decided that Mrs. Davis should speak on "Joy in Christ" having after her paper a demonstration class. Mr. White undertook to approach Mr. Sadler to give a paper on - It was decided to ask Mrs. Paula Sharp or failing her Mr. Rakes to speak on the Spiritual side - It was proposed that Mr. Maynard should be asked to speak on



on Literature & that failing her Lord Lifford should be asked to suggest some one.

The question of the hour of the first morning paper was discussed, Mr. Howard Gloner urging that whatever hour was decided on should be strictly adhered to & that there should be no unpunctuality as in former years.

Handbook.

Mr. Franklin read a letter from Mr. Fisher saying that he could make arrangements for the handbook as follows.

500 copies £6

1000 " £10.0

In both cases the contracting firm would receive any profits accruing from advertisements. It was decided to print 1000 and to charge 4d. per copy.

Mr. White proposed that notes on the lives of the speakers should be inserted in the Handbook, this it was decided to do.

Lady Campbell said she thought Mr. Napier Miles who lived at Kemp Weston might be willing to give a Garden Party.



The Executive Committee 26 Victoria Street S.W. Dec: 18<sup>th</sup> 1904. 4 p.m.

Present.

Mr. W. Frankley (in the chair)

Lady Campbell

Mr. Gerald Campbell

Mr. Fitz Roy

Mr. Howard Glover

Mr. Macmaster

Mr. Clement Parsons. Mr. Whitaker Thompson.

Dr. Helen Webb.

Mr. White

Mr. Zimmerman.

Mr. Lock (Gen. Sec.)

Mrs. Parish (Ass. Gen. Sec.)

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & duly confirmed after two alterations.

Co-opted members.

The question of co-opting a member in place of Mr. Spoke woods who is at present abroad was discussed. Mr. Lock suggested that because there were eight members, Mr. Frankley asked that she might be allowed to bring her eldest daughter to Committee meetings in order that she might hear what the Society was doing - as later she would probably go to meetings with Mrs. Parish. It was unanimously decided to allow Mrs. Frankley to attend.

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Apologues were announced from Grace Lyllan, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Ince, Mr. Rayner.

Finance.

The following financial statement was read; -

Cash in Bank	60. 12. 10.	Sec. Salary	5. 16. 8.
" " Stand.	20. 4. 4.	Ass. Gen. Sec. Sal.	10. 0. 0.
		Clerk's Salary	5. 8. 4.
		Bal. in hand	5. 9. 12. 2.
			£80. 17. 2

It was decided to raise the clerk's salary from £65 - £72. Mr. Frankley said she was an excellent clerk and certainly ought to have the rise.

Correspondence.

- (a) Mr. Gardner, Friends meeting Home Clerkwell, asking for help in giving talks to a mother meeting. Mrs. Webb offered to go as did also Mrs. Parish. Mr. Lock suggested that because there were eight people to talk on games & songs.
- (b.) Mr. Stalley asking for the support of the Union on the question of pure milk supply. The Society was instructed to state that the Union was in sympathy with the movement to obtain pure milk.



- (c) Mr. Harrison expressing her appreciation of Mrs. Mason's books.
- (d) Mr. Joy asking that Mr. Baldwin of America who would be in England for a short while should be given opportunities of coming into touch with London Educational work.
- (e) Marshall publishers agents who desired to obtain the publishing & dispatching of the Parents Review - it was decided to make no change in existing arrangements.
- (f) Mrs. Broadfoot (Paris) who wished to take in the Parents Review & who intended to share it with a C.M.S. worker in Bethlehem.
- (g) Reports from several letters to Mrs. Mason were read in which the writers expressed their gratitude for the help received through the Parents Review School.

Deputation from Branches.

A letter <sup>was recd</sup> which had been sent by the Breadsbury Branch to the Hampstead & Richmond Branches in which various complaints re the working of the Union were made -

It was decided that the Breadsbury Branch should be asked to send a deputation of three members to discuss the various points raised, to <sup>meet</sup> the Executive Committee.

Propaganda  
meetings.

Mrs. Parist reported meetings at Worcester, Hythe, Bexhill, Belgarda, Blackheath, Palmip, Harrow & a course of 4 lectures at Brighton. Mrs. Parist - she did not consider herself successful as she was handicapped by the fact that both mothers & nurses were present & that the time was rather close - with regard to Harrow it had been decided to have Harrow & Northwood separate Branches and to hold a meeting of all members and friends at Northwood late in January. When it was proposed that Lady Campbell should speak & Mr. Franklin take the Chair. Mrs. Parist then asked for the Committee's attention while she discussed her own work & showed the impossibility of her being able to give any clerical assistance in the office. She pointed out that during the 3 months she had been in the office she had spoken 34 times, had paid 2 visits to Bexhill, spent two days at Northwood, visited the children at Richmond 2 days & attended as a speaker 4 P.R.S.U. Branch lectures, leaving her with 22 free days of which some had naturally been used in preparation. She found that under these circumstances it would be quite useless to consult her for clerical assistance in the office as she felt sharp that free days



should go in visiting schools and studying other educational methods. It was agreed that other clerical help would have to be supplied & the measures in which this should be done was discussed.

Mr. Lock said she would imprint upon the arrangement formed made in the office namely that clerical help should be secured at their expense at the rate of 1/- per hour. The Committee however decided that this was an extravagance and it was thought that someone could be secured who would work permanently for half a day for a very small salary. Mr. FitzRoy & Mr. Clement Pansari had heard of girls who would or had worked for the Turner Book Club and other firms who paid small salaries and they were asked to inquire into the matter & see if anyone could be secured.

Considered minute attention to Mr. Franklin's satisfaction. The Committee felt that considering the current rate of salaries for unskilled clerks it would be more advantageous & economical to have a girl for a half day permanently than to have more skilled work temporarily.

#### Agenda Cards.

Mr. Franklin said she had felt for some little time that the present agenda card was unattractive & if other members felt the same she thought it would be well to have just ones printed. The feeling of those present being in favour of the card now in use it was decided not to reprint.

It was decided after a statement from the General Secretary to make no change at present.

Advertisements

The hour given late it was decided to postpone the rest of Mrs. Pansari's report, also the reports of Branches.

#### Gifts News

The General secretary announced that 20 Central members & 20 subscribers to the Parents Review had retired & that there were 17 new members & 4 subscribers to the Parents Review.

Two books had been given to the Library by Mr. Veng, who had also contributed 10/- to the Propaganda Fund. Mr. Lilliet had given £1.10 & half of his firm.

Jan. 28 was suggested as a possible date for the next meeting of the Executive.

H. Franklin  
Feb 4. 1908



The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. February 4<sup>th</sup> 1908 at 3 p.m.

Present:

Lord Lytton. (Chair at 3.45)

Mr. Frankley (Chair for 3 - 3.45)

Lady Campbell.

Mr. Carson.

Mrs. Fitz Roy.

" Howard Glover.

Mr. Haslam.

Mrs. Longsdon.

" Frackenlay

" Clement Parsons.

" Rayner. Mr. Walter Rea

Mr. Helen Webb.

Mrs. Hamilton.

Mrs. Lock (General Secretary)

Minutes

In the absence of Lord Lytton Mr. Haslam proposed & Mr. Rea seconded that Mrs. Frankley should occupy the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, an objection being made to the minute re clerical help it was decided that this should be altered subject to Mr. Frankley's satisfaction after the meeting, and the minutes were then signed by the chairman.

Apologies.

Apologies were announced from Lord Lytton, who hoped to attend later, Mrs. Carson & Lady Helen Lacey.

Finance.

The following financial statement was read:

Assets.Liabilities

Cash in Bank	97. 15. 5	Bonell.	40. 19. 10.
" " Gt. St.	39. 0. 0.	Lib. Bureau.	4. 9. 6
		Bräges.	11. 7. 6
		Bal. on hand.	79. 18. 4.
	<u>£ 136. 15. 5</u>		<u>£ 136. 15. 5</u>

Correspondence.

Correspondence was read from:-

(a) Mr. Street stating that the firm was glad to hear that the Committee had decided to continue the existing agreement & that they would do their best to secure more advertisements.

(b) Mr. Halsey thanking the P.R.S.U. for their support.

X Arising out of the minutes Mrs. Frankley said she had seen a good deal of Prof. Balthus, and that an excellent paper of his was in the February Parents Review - he said he had spoken to the Edinburgh Branch and that it was the best Educational meeting he had addressed in England.

Mrs. Glover said she had written to the Breconshire Secretary re a deputation & the reply had been that they were not yet ready as they awaited reports from other Branches.



- (c) Mr. Werlich General Secretary of Foreign Affairs for China acknowledged on behalf of the Emperor the gift of the Home Education Series sent in 1906.
- (d) Mr. Shepherd St. Lawrence's School Bexhill, who had placed his school on the register & who had engaged Mr. Edwards to teach.
- (e) Mr. Harris (German Town) who enclosed a cutting re Mr. Clement Parsons Catalogue of Gift Books & wanted further information there on.
- (f) Mr. Lunt who had placed a copy of Home Education in the clerical book club.
- (g) Letters to Mrs. Mason from Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Hether, Mr. Cullenaden, & Mrs. Sturge, all expressing their appreciation of the Parents Union School.
- (h) Mrs. Seale the wife of a working man, who is taking care of a motherless nephew & who would be glad of old copies of Home Education - It was decided to send copies of the old edict & last pamphlet promised to send on her Parents Review each month.
- Mrs. Frankham read a letter from Mrs. Foster expressing her deep appreciation of the Parents Union School & also a note from Mr. Macmaster saying that Mrs. Jennings had been appointed delegate for 1908. for Brighton.

Leaflet for  
S. African Farms.

Propaganda  
meetings.

Mrs. Frankham said that Mrs. Parson had written this which she thought it was quite good but thought that if Mrs. Clement Parsons would look it through & make suggestions, it would be helpful - It was decided that 1000 should be printed - Mr. Lock rough estimate the cost at 17/6.

Mrs. Frankham, in Mrs. Parson's absence reported that she had spoken at Clerkenwell, Highbury & Northwood - Mrs. Parson reported that the Bexhill meeting (report given was held over from the December meeting) had been mismanaged from the beginning & that nothing was ready for the meeting - Mr. Sewell spoke disparagingly of the Union as a Society which worked for its own profit & said that it was useless for Mrs. Parson to have come down unless she was willing there & then to start a Branch & declined to entertain the idea of making Bexhill a sub. Branch of S. Leonard's. There were 10 people present & at the conclusion there was an altercation between Mr. Sewell & one of the audience, who considered that Mrs. Bishop had been slighted. This however was not so as Mrs. Bishop had been acquainted with the attempts made at Bexhill.



Northwood to which Lady Campbell & Mr. Fraithley had both gone had been most successful and a Branch would certainly be formed there - a letter to Mrs. Pansie from Mrs. Rowland Brown which had reached Northwood just as the meeting began, was then read stating that a Committee meeting had been held & much business had been done, she also thanked Mrs. Pansie for the help she had been in helping to re-organise the Branch. Several letters <sup>from various members</sup> were read expressing appreciation of Mrs. Pansie's visits & propaganda work Mrs. Pansie had visited Mrs. Lathams School, Harnes P.O. & it was quite likely that the lower forms would work in the P.H.S.

### Branches.

Swinton Mrs. Longdon asked whether the Central Committee would consider that a <sup>lecture giving a</sup> report of the Pan Anglican Conference would come within the scope of the hour. It was decided that it had not did but that if such a lecture were given under different auspices it might be announced at P.H.S. meetings or leaflets handed round - As "Home Education" was one of the books recommended to members attending the Pan Anglican Congress Mrs. Lock was asked to call see the Secretary & ask of arrangements

could be made for a literature stall at the Congress. Finchley. Mrs. Mackenzie reported good meetings. Reading. Mr. Haslam said their new President was giving a "Conversations" on Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> at which Lord Lytton had promised to speak.

### May Meeting.

Lord Lytton <sup>himself</sup> presiding he presided at the end of the meeting, Lord Lytton said that the Duke of Westminster had kindly consented to leave Grosvenor House & that May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 was a suitable day there - It was decided to fix the meeting at this time & that the Bishop of Worcester should be asked to speak, & Lord Lytton consented to take the chair.

### Report of Office Year.

Mrs. Lock made the following report.

Incoming Balances. 6. 9 9. 2. an increase of 1, 9 9 4.

Outgoing " 7. 6 2 7

Parcels. 2. 11 8.

Revenues: 8. 5 13. an increase of 4 07.

Conference Receipts. £22. 12. 0 a decrease of £21. 16. 0

Literature £21. 12. 5 a decrease of £5. 1. 11

H. Educ. Series. £11. 7. 2 an increase of £4. 15. 8

N. Note Books £25. 13. 2 an increase of £8. 1. 1

In reply to a query from Mr. Fraithley the Secretary said she considered the decrease in literature was due to the poor attendance



at the Conference.

Finance Budget  
Resolution.

It was decided that Mr. Lock should communicate with the Secretary and find out what arrangements would be made for Educational Exhibits - & that the question of exhibiting should be discussed again.

Consideration of  
Further Secretarial  
Assistance.

Mrs. Lock said that Mr. Clement Parsons had been unable to obtain anyone for afternoon work & that Mrs. Franklin had telephoned to the Polytechnic Employment Bureau, who had sent up three girls for inspection, two of these were one of the question but the third Mr. Lock had engaged on trial for a month at 7/6 a week, a specimen of her handwriting was handed round for inspection & did not meet with general approval. It was decided that the arrangement should be looked on as temporary for the present, in order to see how it worked.

Office News.

Mrs. Lock reported a donation of £2.2.0 from the Bulgarian Branch, the proceeds of Mr. Epps lectures & 10/- from Mr. Hardy both for the Propaganda Fund. The Secretary reported 31 new Central members & 11 new Parents' Review subscribers against 15 Central

members & 14 subscribers referred.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

M. Franklin

March 4. 1908.



The Conference Committee, 26 Victoria Street. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1908 at 4 p.m.

Present: Lord Lytton (in the chair)

Mrs. Gilmore Barnett.

Lady Campbell.

Mrs. FitzRoy.

Mrs. Franklin.

Mrs. Howard Gloner.

Mrs. Wynana Haslam.

" Clement Parsons.

" Walter Rea.

D. Helen Webb.

Mrs. Franklin.

Mrs. Lock (Gen. Secretary)

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Mrs. Franklin introduced Mr. Gilmore Barnett, who represented Bristol, to the Committee & Mr. Barnett then reported that his Committee thought that as the Bishop of Bristol was unable to preach in the Cathedral on Sunday morning that it would be an excellent idea to ask him to give the address of welcome on Friday & that the Mayor & Mayoress & Prof. Lloyd Morgan should be asked to support him. This it was decided to do & Lord Lytton was asked to step in on behalf of the Central

Committee, to the address of welcome.

Mr. Barnett also reported that excellent arrangements had been made with the caterers for luncheon & teas to be provided for members at reasonable rates at the Academy rooms. and that these rooms had been secured for £4.10.0 instead of £10.10.0 as originally suggested.

It had also been proposed by the Bristol Committee that Mr. Tomlin's demonstration should be given at Mr. Davis's reception, which should be held on Saturday evening.

After some discussion the following programme was drawn up.

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. Address of welcome - the Bishop of Bristol  
Academy of Arts. Supported by Prof. Lloyd Morgan & the Mayor & Mayoress Reply - Lord Lytton.

8.30 p.m. "A Child's Inheritance" W. Grenville Macdonald.

~~Spinning~~ School Chorus Lord Lytton.

Saturday 10.30 (1) Joy in Books (1) P. V. Lucas (2) Prof. Campanac.  
Academy of Arts. (3) Mr. Maynard (4) Lady Tennant.

11.45 (5) Joy in the Drama. W. Badley.

2.45. Archaeological & Geological walks.

4. Garden Party at the High School.



Saturday. 8.30 p.m. Reception at Cleydon College.  
 Cleydon College. "Joy in Song" W. Tomline.  
 Chorus. W. Walter Ford.

Sunday. Evening. Rev. J. Parnatt Maud Vicar of St. Mary Reddy.  
 Bristol - at his own church.

Monday. 10.30. W. J. O. Symes.  
 Academy. 11.45. Spiritual Joy. Mrs. Carter Shury.  
 of Arts. 2.45. (a) Enthusiasm of Humanity. C. H. Spence G. G.  
 (b) Joy in Art. Mrs. Parnish.  
 8.30 Educational Concert.

Tuesday. 10.30. Adolescence & the Line of Race. Mrs. Hoskyns Althall.  
 Academy. 11.45. Joy in Activity. Prof. Baldern.  
 Redlands. 2.45. Rev. H. A. Ward.  
 School. 3.30. Mrs. Maud L. Shedlock.

Mr. Gilmore Barnett said that the Bristol Committee would give him a the opening afternoon. Mr. Barnett was asked if the Bishop would take the chair on Tuesday afternoon failing him the Bishop of Hereford, & that if the Bishop of Bristol were unable to come on this Tuesday he should be asked to take the chair at some other meeting.

Further suggestions for chairs were as follows:  
 Lady Tennant, W. Walter Rec. Mrs. Faithful. Prof. Hurd  
 Mayan - & Lady Rodswort.

Mrs. Gilmore Barnett said that she had undertaken to act as hospitable Secretary.



The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street - L.W. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1908. 3 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Mr. Franklin (in the chair)

Mr. Fitz Roy

" Jennings

" McVilay

" Walter Read

" Stirling

" Whitaker Thompson

" Zimmerman

Dr. Helen Webb

Mr. Lock (Gen. Sec.)

Mrs. Parish (As. Org. Sec.)

\* Apologies:

In the absence of Mrs. Lytton Mr. Read prop. & Mrs. Webb seconded that Mr. Franklin should occupy the chair. Apologies were announced for Mrs. Lytton, Mr. Anson, Lady Campbell, Mr. Glover, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Clement Parsons, & Mr. Rayner.

Finance:

The following financial statement was read:-

\* Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed, arising out of the minutes. Mr. Lock said she had seen the Secretary of the Pan American Congress & had noted the question of a book stall - This was her consideration by the Executive Committee of the Congress & the question of letters was left to her to decide. Mr. Lock said the Secretary had promised to put more papers & literature on the list of suggested books.

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Assets:

In Bank. 151. 2. 5-

" Stand. 10. 0. 0.

£ 161. 2. 5-

Liabilities:

Corwell 35. 6. 2.

Somplin 93. 2. 0

Ryman. 2. 2. 6

Sec. Sal. 5. 16. 8

As. Org. Sec. Sal. 10. 0. 0

Clerks .. 6. 0. 0

J. Clubs .. 1. 12. 6

Bal. in hand. 8. 2. 7

£ 161. 2. 5-

Correspondence:

(a) Mr. Leek. who gratefully acknowledged the books & Reviews sent to her.

(b) Mr. Sewerling (Berthel) asking for specimen Reviews for distributor in Berthel. The Secretary was instructed to send some.

(c) Mr. Small (Bromley) who said she wished to join after hearing Mrs. Parish's interesting address.

Letter to BranchSecretaries:

Mr. Franklin read a draft of a letter she proposed sending to Secretaries. This letter was quite approved by the Committee.

May Meeting:

This Mr. Franklin said, as already announced, that this



at Grosvenor House.

had been fixed for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 when Mrs. Little had promised to take the chair & the Bishop of York to speak by the two letters suggested by the Bishop. "Pleasant Thing, a people's recollections" was the one selected & it was decided to print "Thought versus Knowledge" in small type.

Barnard Meeting

It was decided there this on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

Franco-British  
Publication.

A letter from the Women's Employment Bureau was read in which it was proposed to open a Bureau at this Publication, where all information re women's work could be obtained, it was the charge for all societies who wished to be represented at this Bureau would be £1.1.0 - It was decided to pay £1.1.0 if all leaflets of the P. M. & U. were included in this or view at the Bureau.

Art. for Schools  
Picture.

Mrs. Lock suggested that as this year's picture was the one on which Mrs. Parish gave her picture that it might be framed for the office, mounted on linen & with a moveable back so that Mrs. Parish could take it with her to meetings. It was decided to do this.

Annual Report.

Mrs. Shuteley underlook to Mrs. Mins.

Mrs. Parish's Report.

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Parish reported that she had spoken at Darlington to 50 or 60 people, a very good Branch possibly suitable for a future Conference. Four new members joined.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Middlesbrough. A Reading Circle here, the nucleus for a Branch at a future date - there is a desire for a P. U. S. class in another year.

Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> Thirsk 23 present, no new members but sold 10/7 literature.

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Interview with Mrs. Latham.

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Gordon Branch meeting. 30 present spoke on H. of Education. There were several school mistresses & a School Inspector present.

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Tonbridge meeting at School House about 70 present. a very keen desire to form a Branch - W. Downy will get a Committee together to start a Branch.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Haver Dab no one came.

Feb. 24 Visitation Kew. paid 14 calls.

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Bromley - a meeting at the High School 60 present: five new members & possibly 7 more.

Branches.

Darlington the hon. Secular reported that they



had much enjoyed Mrs. Parsons' lecture.

Finchley reported steady improvement, the members taking great part in the discussions hereafter meetings.

\* Lyton. D. Knibb of Carlisle had been her guest lecturer at an inaugural meeting here, with the result that a Branch had been formed almost at once.

6th News.

The Secretary reported 22 new <sup>confirmed</sup> members against 5 discontinued & 11 subscribers to the Parents Review against 3 discontinued. Mr. Lock said she had interviewed so many people, Mrs. Titcham 23 & that 80 had been called during the month.

\* Mr. Mackenlay said that the meeting at which the Brandon Branch sent a deputation was not a great success, that not much sympathy was shown to Mr. Tanod.

Brighton Mr. Jennings reported a good lecture by Mr. Dunn.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.30.

Lyton  
April 8. '08

The Council Meeting, 26 Victoria Street S.W. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Present.

Lord Lytton (in the chair)

Hon. Mr. Franklin

Mr. Hopwood.

" Mackenlay.

" Clement Parsons.

" Walter Rea.

Mr. Helen Webb.

Mr. Lock (Sec)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Annual  
Report

The Annual Report having been read by the Secretary, its adoption was proposed by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Rea. Carried.

Re-election of  
Presidents &  
Vice Presidents

Lord Lytton from the chair proposed the re-election of Presidents and vice-Presidents.

Carried.

Re-election of  
Council.

Mr. Ditz Roy (by letter) proposed the election of Mrs. Kersey & Mr. Yeatman to the Council, & Mr. Franklin proposed Mr. Mark Webb. The re-election of the Council with the



addition of Mr. Kersey, Mr. Yeatman & Mr. Mark Webb  
was proposed by Lord Lytton, seconded by Mr. Franklin,  
& carried.

Re-election of Lord Lytton from the Chair proposed the re-election of the  
Honorary officers. Carried.

Re-election of Executive Committee. There being two vacancies on the Committee Mr. FitzRoy  
(by letter) nominated Mr. Kersey, & Mr. Franklin Mr. Mark Webb.  
Lord Lytton from the Chair proposed the re-election of the  
Executive Committee with the addition of Mr. Kersey and  
Mr. Mark Webb. Carried.

Lytton  
May 5. 1909.



The Executive Committee 26 Victoria Street S.W. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1908. 9.30 p.m.

## Present

Lora Lytton (in the chair)

Lady Campbell

Mr. Gerald Campbell.

Mr. T. S. Franklin.

Mr. Hopwood.

" Mackinlay

" Clement Parsons

" Walter Rea.

" Stirling

W. Helen Webb

Mr. Zimmer

Mr. Lock (Sec.)

## minutes

The minutes of the last letter were read & confirmed.

Apologies were announced from Lady Aberdeen, Mr. Anson, Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Glover, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Penner, Mr. Schopfeld & Mr. Whitaker Thompson.

## Finance

The following financial statement was read:—

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## Assets

Cash in Bank 44. 8. 10.

" " " " 10. 0. 0

54. 8. 10.

## Liabilities

Sec. Sal. 5. 16. 8.

As. Org. Sec. Sal. 10. 0. 0

Clerks Sal. 6. 0. 0

Junior Clerks 1. 12. 6

Council 30. 16. 5

Bal. in hand 3. 3

54. 8. 10

The Secretary then read the auditor's letter re the Annual audit. The only point calling for comment was that referring to the question of the book keeping in connection with Parents Union School Books. The Cash received from sales being kept in the office & used to pay Petty Cash expenses, the remaining sum being entered in the Cash book when a substantial amount has accumulated but no Petty Cash record of payments is kept. The Secretary said that an adequate system of book keeping would involve much labour & at his time would necessitate additional help and that the auditor & treasurer while agreed that it was not a good system considered that under existing circumstances the matter might be allowed to stand as it is. In discussion the Secretary said that it really amounted to the question of whether the Secretary Committee trusted her sufficiently to let the matter remain in her hands. A vote of confidence in the Secretary having been passed it



was decided to leave the financial arrangements on the present basis.

Correspondence (a) The Board of Education send a series of questions on the Education of Young Girls to which the P.N.S.U. was asked to send replies. It being requested that the answers should be sent in by the end of April the Committee decided that the time was too short to allow of the possibility of obtaining the views of the members, but that if the date of return could be extended until the middle of May it might be possible to answer the queries. Lord Lytton said that if an extension were granted he would draft replies on some of the questions to lay before the next meeting.

(b) Mr. Barnett (Scottish Mothers Union) asking for P.N.S.U. pamphlets on which it was proposed to base a course of Reading - also saying that at the Instructional Congress some of their members hoped to meet P.N.S.U. members & to obtain enlightenment.

(c) Mr. Paton (Nottingham) asking for his Sons pamphlet "Training a Son in Service of Man". The Secretary stated that he would send some hundreds of that book consisting of 350 - it was decided to sell him a copy.

number up to 200 at 1d per copy.

(d) Mrs. Trooper Bournemouth who had formed a circle of 12 people who shared the Parents Review.

(e) The University of Bristol asking for the support & sympathy of the Union in the formation of a new department - a Bureau of Educational Information. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter expressing sympathy with the Scheme & to say that publications should be sent to the Library.

Annual Meeting. The question of the speaking about the Conference at the Annual meeting was discussed & Lord Lytton said that in addition to reviewing the work of the year he would mention the Conference.

Mrs. Panshi's Report. Mr. Franklin read Mrs. Panshi's report of the half year during which she had addressed 61 meetings.

Branches. Hastings had owing to various causes had no meetings during the year but hoped to ask Mrs. Parrot to speak during May. Hobart reported a poor Secretary & was little work done.



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Johannesburg was just about to begin the winter session.

Parson had read Mr. Franklin's letter at the last meeting & cards had been sent to members announcing the date of the Annual meeting conference.

Northwood reported that it now had 53 members.

Conference Programme. As this would shortly be in the hands of members it was decided not to read it.

By the News.

Mr. Loch reported 20 new Central members of which 12 were directly due to Mrs. Parson & two new subscribers to the Parents Review. There had been 39 callers in the office & 86 letters. Lady Cameron-Bentons had given £1 to the Propaganda fund at the same time wrote a letter expressing her pleasure at having had Mrs. Parson there. Mr. Somerville (Bromley) had been in to ask that Mrs. Parson should again visit Bromley as there was a great desire to have a lecture on the P.R. as it affects the children.

Next meeting.

This was fixed for May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.15

A vote of Condolence with Mr. Silvester Barnett on

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the sudden death of her husband was passed.

Lady Campbell said she felt sure that we did not do enough with governesses in private families to make our work known to them. It was considered very difficult to reach these governesses but that possibly a meeting might be held if a nucleus could be found. Lady Campbell suggested that notices might be sent to Governors Agencies, Stances & various classes such as Mr. Wordsworth's & L. Rhodes.

I Maudie Thompson.  
May 12<sup>th</sup>.



The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. May 12<sup>th</sup> 1908. 4.45 p.m.

This meeting originally called for 4.15 was postponed to 4.45.

Mr. Whitaker Thompson (in the chair at 5 p.m.)

Mrs. Mr. Franklin (in the chair at end of meeting)

Mr. Fitz Roy

" Howard Glover

" Kersey

" Macdonald

" Nichol

Mr. Helen Webb

Mr. Alfred Mark Webb.

Mr. Lock (Sec.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Lock read a letter from the University of Bristol acknowledging the letter of sympathy sent by the secretary & accepting the offer of the publications of the Union.

Apologies for absence were announced from Mr. Anson, Mr. Sabine, Mr. Longdon, Mr. Clement Parsons, Mr. Walter Bee

Mr. Stirling & Lord Lytton.

The following financial statement was read; -

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash in Bank	51. 13. 7	Bank (P. Reeves)	34. 9. 8
" " Office	18. 10. 0.	Sec. Salary	5. 16. 8
		Asst. Sec. Salary	10. 0. 0
		Clubs Salary	6. 0. 0
		J. Clubs "	1. 12. 6
		Bal. in hand.	12. 4. 9
	<u>70. 3. 7</u>		<u>70. 3. 7</u>

Correspondence (a) Mrs. Rosalind Brown offering to steal another motto for the conference. The Secretary said she had accepted this & the motto was to be "I am, I can, I ought, I will".  
(b) Mr. de Souza Colombo who had interested the principal (Mr. Brown) of the <sup>best</sup> training College & school in Colombo in the work of the Union & who hoped that Mr. Brown would work on Mrs. Brown's lines.

(c.d.e) Lady Charles Benluech, Mr. Higgins & Mr. Stirling all expressing their appreciation of Mrs. Paris' other lectures.  
f) Mr. Constable inquiring re the cost of an advert. in the Parents Review.

(f) G. W. Railway Co. who were unwilling to make special



arrangements for the ~~last~~ Bristol Conference.

- (h) Mr. Kersey accepting <sup>to serve</sup> office on Council & Executive Committee.
- (k) Mr. Webb who also accepted
- (l) Mr. Yealman who consented to serve on the Council.
- (m) Mrs. Hitzel who was in correspondence with Mr. Sells, who is starting a nature note book.
- (n) Mrs. Fido head of Kindergarten Brooklyn expressing her appreciation of the Parents Review & of the work done by the P.N.S.U.

### Conference.

It was announced that as Mr. Tomlinson had no engagements in England in June he had asked to be released from his promise to speak at the Conference in June. Mr. Frankless said this had caused some re-arranging of the programme. That Mrs. Sheddock had kindly consented to change her time & would speak on Saturday evening instead of Tuesday afternoon. & that Mr. Dand's boy would sing during the evening.

### Annual Meeting.

Mr. Lock reported 360 present. Literature had been sold to the value of £1. 13. 8

### Branches.

Worshipful

It was reported that Mr. Walker was resigning the Sunday

### Mrs. Parson's Report.

Mr. Lock read the following report; -

Apr. 25. Reading. St. George's. Great interest in P.N.S.U. members. Literature 25/-

Apr. 27. Norwich. Lecture on 6 trees. well attended by children.

Apr. 28. Laxmumtham. Interview with Mr. Vernon Westworth re Parents Union School & Students.

Apr. 29. Chedburgh. Explained the workings of the P.N.S. to an untrained governess.

May 6 & 7. 27 visits in Camberwell & neighbourhood.

May 8. Braintree meeting St. Leonards. Subject Truthful.

Mr. Lock said this lecture seemed to have aroused the Branch to fresh energy & that a new lecture was being arranged for June.

### Office News.

Mr. Lock reported 13 new Branch members against one retired & 8 new subscribers for the Parents Review. There had been 56 callers in the office & 117 hds.

### Board of Educ.

### Letter.

Lora Lyllor who was unable to be present sent a letter saying that she had consulted several people on the questions but that the result of his enquiries were not sufficiently definite or important to send in writing.

Mr. Frankless then read answers drafted by Mrs. Mason - there were



considered admirable, clear & practical & the secretary was instructed to send these answers to the Board of Education in Mrs. Mason's name as the Union was such a large body that it was impossible to get the individual opinions of members.

Date of next meeting.

This was fixed for June 24 at 4.30 subject to its being convenient to the chairman.

Other Business.

Mr. Franklin said that Mrs. Mason had enlarged the Home Education in a most practical & satisfactory way & that now 38 students could be received. All vacancies for Jan 1908 & Easter 1909 were filled.

H. Franklin

24. 6. 1908

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. June 24<sup>th</sup> 1908 at 4.30 pm.

### Present.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr. Franklin (in the chair)

Mr. Anson.

" Howard Glover.

" Hopwood. Mr. Rensay.

" Rea

" Stirling

W. Helen Webb.

Mr. Lock (Secretary)

Mrs. Parson (Asst. Org. Sec.)

### Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

On arising out of the minutes a letter from the Board of Education was read gratefully acknowledging Mrs. Mason's full answer to the questions asked by the Consultative Committee.

### Apologies.

Apologies for absence were announced from Mr. Haslam, Mr. Clement Parsons & Mr. Whyte.

### Finance

The Secretary announced that as she had had to draw the Clugis Park in the month there was



no financial statement to read but that the balance at the Bank was very low & some cheques would have to be held over.

Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs Barfield, Tunbridge Wells who said how much the children in her school liked working on P.U.S. lines.
- (b) National Union of Women Workers asking for two delegates to be appointed for the Conference at Aberdeen on Oct. 14 & 15. Mr Howard Glover & Mrs Webb were appointed & it was suggested that if Mrs Webb was unable to go her place should be taken by Mrs Franklin. Mr Franklin is one of the invited speakers.

International  
Peace  
Moral Congress.

It was agreed that Mrs Parish should see the Secretary with a view to having the literature of the Union on Sale.

Conference.

Mr Lock reported that the receipts had been £49. 18. 6 (includes) Bades £1. 6. 0, Handbooks £1. 12. 4 Literature £5. 0. 0 prop. Home Education Series 15/- total £58. 11. 10 & that the expenses had been £57. 12. 5 of which £10. 0. 0 was for the printing of the Handbook.

Several letters of congratulation on & appreciation of the Conference were read - Mr Franklin said that she thought everyone who had been present must have realised what a great help Mrs Parish had been at the meetings. Mr Rea said it was the first time she had attended the Conference in person & that she had enjoyed it enormously. The question of whether the Conference should or should not be held in London next year was touched on but the decision of the point was left to a later date.

The Secretary reported the attendance as on the accompanying programme.

NewPamphlet.

It was decided that Mr Sykes paper "Parents & Nervous Children" should be published as a pamphlet if Mr Sykes would consent. It was decided to postpone the reprint of "Home Training" which is now out of print.

Branches.

Notwich. Mr Lock reported that Mr Mayne intended resigning the Secretaryship, she had seen her & Mr Mayne was going to see if Mr Bates, the hon. treasurer would take up the work if she received



from the Central office as suggested when Mrs. Parish was appointed.

Belgravia. The Nature Study lectures had been well attended.

Northwood. Mrs. numbers over 60. - Mr. Blake Odgers had given a delightful account of the Conference, which had made many desire to be present.

#### Vote of next Committee

It was decided that this should be held in October. The date to be settled later.

#### Other Business

Mr. Franklin said the British Association had invited the P.N.S.U. to send a delegate to their Conference in Dublin in September. Since Mrs. Parish would be in Ireland at that time it was decided that she should serve.

Mr. Franklin said that Mr. Lock was going to have 3 months holiday this year on account of ill health.

#### Office News

Mr. Lock reported 8 new central members & 6 subscribers to the Parents' Review. There had been 126 made in the office & 51 callers. She had seen Mr. Somerville of Bromley & there was an idea that the Branch would be started in the autumn.

Mr. Franklin  
Oct 8. 1908.

The Local Secretaries' meeting, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1908, 5 p.m. at 50 Rochester Tenach.

#### Present

The Hon. Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Battle (Hyde Park)

Mrs. Case (Brondesbury)

Mrs. Franklin (Hyde Park)

Mr. Gedge (Belgravia)

Mrs. D'Este Hughes (Kew)

Mr. Hersey (Belgravia)

Mr. Longdon (Surrey)

Mr. Blake Odgers (Finsbury)

Mr. Price (Surrey)

Mr. Roper (Brondesbury)

Mr. Teed (Dulwich)

Mr. Thomas (Hyde Park)

Mr. Lock (Gen. Secretary)

Mrs. Parish (Asst. Org. Sec.)

As arising out of the minutes, Mr. Franklin said that it had not been possible to arrange for "Pilgrim's Progress" to be held under the joint auspices of the London Branches, but that the Belgravia Branch had organised a performance, which had proved most successful.

The Chairman then remarked that she much regretted that out of the very large number of people asked to this meeting so few comparatively had been able to attend, as she felt that this annual meeting was one which might help Branches very much in the arrangement of their programmes and afforded an opportunity of interchange of thought as to the details of Branch management, since here more than anywhere else the results of individual experience



was at the disposal of others. She suggested that it might be an advantage to offer to send copies of the minutes of proceedings to every Secretary. Miss Case proposed, & Mrs Stevens seconded the following resolution:

"That the minutes of this & other such meetings should be sent to those Branch Committees who signify their wish to receive them, on payment of the nominal fee of 6."

Carried.

Mrs Franklin said that the appointment of Miss Parish had proved a great success, & that it had resulted in a large increase both of membership & of interest in the Union as a whole. She said that wherever Miss Parish had gone most appreciative letters were received with regard to her lectures. She hoped that every Branch would see its way each year either to have an address from Miss Parish to the Branch as a whole, or to organise small meetings for non-members, when each member should be asked to bring at least one non-member to hear the address.

Mrs Battle said she always found it advisable to bring non-members, who were often too shy to attend meetings of a Society unknown to them without being escorted by a friend.

Mrs Blake Odgers remarked that it was often difficult to provide in private houses a suitable place for the display of literature. Mrs Lock said that at the Northwood Branch meetings

a stencilled list of literature on sale was pinned on the wall facing the audience, & that a good sale of literature resulted, as members were easily able to see what was there.

Mrs Longdon said that she found the method of mentioning one particular pamphlet at each meeting a good one; good sales resulted. She also brought forward the question of lecturers selling their own pamphlets at meetings. It was thought that where the subject matter of the lecture was also that of the pamphlet this was permissible.

Mrs Teed suggested that names of possible members in a district might be sent in to the Head Office, in order that the people could be written to in the name of the whole Union & encouraged to join. She thought this would carry more weight than if they were written to by the local Secretary only.

Mrs Stevens (Woodford) said that they usually had an attendance of 40 members at lectures, but that few members took in the Parents' Review. Great stress was laid on the desirability of inducing members to take in the Review, as in addition to the fact that thereby they heard of the doings of other Branches & read admirable ~~speeches~~ papers, as well as receiving helpful advice as to books, music &c., if they moved away from the neighbourhood to a place where there was no Branch, they still had a link with the Union.



Local Secretaries were asked to communicate immediately to Mr. Lock the names & addresses of members going to neighbourhoods where there are no Branches, in order that the members could be asked to join the Central, & be put in touch with isolated members in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Symonds said that it was proposed to hold a garden meeting in the summer & to ask Miss Parish to speak.

Secretaries said that members were often dissatisfied with the subjects chosen for lectures. To obviate this Mr. Lock suggested that before the last meeting of the session members should have notices sent to them asking for suggestions for lectures to be given in at the last meeting, & that failing being able to attend a member should send a suggestion in writing, in order that it might be read at the last meeting, & that these suggestions should be considered in the arrangement of the following Programme.

Mr. Franklin thought that the programmes should be arranged as far as possible to deal with all sides of education, & that in each session lectures should be provided which could help parents of children of different ages.

In answer to a question from the Chairman, Mrs. Stevens said that "The Keeping of Sundays", by Miss W. Lewis, and "Nausicaa - an Ideal Girl", by Miss Freeman, had both been most successful lectures. Mr. Blake Odgers said

that a members' debate had proved a great success. Mr. Jersey said that Belgavia had held interesting Reading Circles, beginning with Miss Mason's books. Reading Circles were also held in the Baywater Branch.

Secretaries were again reminded that members of Branches are entitled to use the Lending Library at the Central Office, & that Branches may, if they desire, have parcels of 30 books sent for the use of members.

Mr. Franklin commented on the letter which she had sent to all Secretaries & hoped that not only the Secretaries but the members of the Committees had seen it. She wished to accentuate the last clause of it, namely, "that any Branch numbering fifty subscribers is entitled to send a representative to the Executive Committee, but that if any Branch numbering less than that number wishes for any special purpose to approach the Executive they are always very glad to receive a Delegation from them."

Miss Case remarked that she had never previously realised this privilege.

Mr. Franklin

May 11. 1909.